

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents.

Status of Claims

Claims 7-11, 13-15, 17-23, 25-34, 36-38, 40-55 are pending in the application. Claims 2-5 have been currently canceled. Claims 7-11, 17-23, 25-34 and 40-51 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 13 and 36 have been currently amended. Claims 52-55 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 2-5, 13-15 and 36-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,611,531 of Chen et al. ("Chen").

It is submitted that new claims 52-55 are not anticipated by Chen given that claims 52-55 depend from and include the limitations of independent claim 9 that has been allowed.

It is submitted that independent amended claim 13 and its dependent claims 14 and 15 are not anticipated by Chen given that claims 13-15 include the allowable limitations of claim 9.

It is submitted that independent amended claim 36 and its dependent claims 37 and 38 are not anticipated by Chen given that claims 36-38 include the allowable limitations of claim 9.

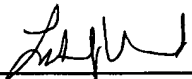
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the rejections have been overcome.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal form is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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